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SUBJ: RAINFALL IN SAHEL

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1. FOLLOWING RAINFALL STATISTICS IN MALI FOR THE MONTH OF JULY INDICATE THAT A LARGE SECTOR OF MALI STILL SUFFERS FROM LACK OF RAIN. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR'S DEFICIT IS LESS THAN IN 1973 AND PREVIOUS DROUGHT YEARS.

TOMBOUCTOU AND NIORO-60 O/O LESS THAN AVERAGE YEAR RAINFALL.

KAYES 50 O/O

MENAKA 40 O/O

SEGOU 30 O/O

HOMBORI AND SAN 25 O/O

KITA AND GAO 20 O/O

SIKASSO 15 O/O

2. ACCORDING TO UN EXPERT AND MALIAN HYDROLOGY AND ENERGY SERVICES, SAN, GAO AND SIKASSO WILL PROBABLY HAVE NORMAL RAINFALL BY THE END OF THE RAINY SEASON (MID-SEPT) IF PRESENT RAINS CONTINUE.

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3. IN MANY AREAS, RAINFALL STATISTICS WERE NORMAL
AND BETTER FOR JULY:

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1973-167.6 MM (ALL FIGURES IN MILLIMETERS)

1974 - 281.8 MM WIDESPREAD FLOODING & WATER DAMAGE
OCCURRED IN BAMAKO AUG 21 FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS
OF TORRENTIAL RAINS.

GAO

1973-59.7 MM

1974-67 MM

MOPTI

1973-97.3

1974-132.7

4. IN THE NORTH OF MALI WHERE RAIN IN PREVIOUS YEARS HAD
ALMOST CEASED, THERE WAS MORE THAN USUAL.
TESSALIT-48 MM (1974) AS COMPARED TO 22 MM ON THE AVERAGE
KIDAL - 61 MM (1974) AS COMPARED TO 54 MM ON THE AVERAGE

5. UNDP BAMAKO REPORTS THAT RAINFALL STATISTICS RECEIVED
FROM MALI'S 17 SYNOPTIC OBSERVATION POSTS INDICATE AN
OVERALL 89 O/O NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL ON EARLY JULY
RAINFALL, LATEST STATISTICS INDICATE MALI IS
RECEIVING ADQUATE RAIN WHICH IF IT CONTINUES
THROUGH SEPT SHOULD GUARANTEE NORMAL
HARVEST.
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